

Listing of Claims

1 1. (Previously presented) A modular assembly for a hearing instrument,
2 comprising:
3 a faceplate;
4 a battery door in the faceplate; and
5 an electrical programming contact assembly partially affixed to the faceplate and
6 generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of the battery door, where the electrical
7 programming contact assembly is partially embedded in the faceplate.

1 2. (Original) An assembly as set forth in claim 1, where
2 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
3 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 3. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 1, where the
2 electrical programming contact assembly comprises at least one contact, where each
3 contact comprises a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and
4 conforming to the contour of the battery door, and an interconnection portion,
5 interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, where the interconnecting portion is at
6 least partially embedded in the faceplate.

1 4. (Original) An assembly as set forth in claim 3, where
2 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
3 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 5. (Previously presented) An electrical programming contact assembly for
2 a faceplate of a hearing instrument, where the faceplate comprises a battery door and the
3 assembly is partially affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the
4 contour of the battery door, where the electrical programming contact assembly is partially
5 embedded in the faceplate.

1 6. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 5, where
2 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
3 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 7. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 5, where the
2 electrical programming contact assembly comprises at least one contact, where each
3 contact comprises a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and
4 conforming to the contour of the battery door, and an interconnection portion,
5 interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, where the interconnecting portion is at
6 least partially embedded in the faceplate.

1 8. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 7, where
2 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
3 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 9. (Previously presented) An electrical programming contact for a faceplate
2 of a hearing instrument, where the faceplate comprises a battery door and the contact is
3 partially affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of
4 the battery door; where the contact is partially embedded in the faceplate.

1 10. (Previously presented) An electrical programming contact as set forth in
2 claim 9, where
3 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
4 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 11. (Previously presented) An electrical programming contact as set forth in
2 claim 9, where the electrical programming contact comprises a contact portion and a
3 terminal portion generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of the battery door, and
4 an interconnection portion, interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, where the
5 interconnecting portion is at least partially embedded in the faceplate.

1 12. (Previously presented) An electrical programming contact as set forth in
2 claim 11, where
3 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
4 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 13. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 3, further
2 comprising battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at least one of the contacts
3 comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1 14. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 13, where the
2 section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through
3 the faceplate.

1 15. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 7, where the
2 hearing instrument further comprises battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at
3 least one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1 16. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 15, where the
2 section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through
3 the faceplate.

1 17. (Previously presented) An electrical contact as set forth in claim 11, where
2 the hearing instrument further comprises battery contacts and where the terminal portion
3 of at least one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1 18. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 17, where the
2 section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through
3 the faceplate.